

March 22, 2005

TO: Abbott District Superintendents
District Supervisors of Early Childhood Education

FROM: Ellen Frede, Ph.D., Assistant to the Commissioner
Office of Early Childhood Education

SUBJECT: 2005-2006 Abbott Preschool Contract

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:24-3.1 and proposed N.J.A.C. 6A:10-3.2(c), an Abbott district that enters into a contract with a Department of Human Services licensed child care provider for the 2005-2006 school year must use either the standard state approved Abbott Preschool Contract provided by the Department of Education (DOE), or a locally developed contract approved by DOE. Enclosed is a copy of the standard state approved Abbott Preschool Contract for the 2005-2006 school year. The contract can also be found on the department's website at www.state.nj.us/njded/ece/abbott/contract.

If you determine that you would like to use a locally developed contract or modify the enclosed standard state approved Abbott Preschool Contract, you must seek and receive approval from the department prior to executing the contract. Please remember that the department will not accept modifications that repeat what is already in Administrative Code (N.J.A.C. 6A:10A). If you propose to revise the standard state approved Abbott Preschool Contract, additions must be indicated by underlining and highlighting, and deletions by a ~~strike-through~~. Please submit your modified standard state approved Abbott Preschool Contract or locally developed contract to the department by May 5, 2005 for departmental approval. Requests for modifications submitted after this date will not be considered. If you are not able to meet this deadline, notify Susan Bruder as soon as possible. All contract modification requests will be reviewed and approved as they are received. **The department must approve all modified standard state approved Abbott Preschool Contracts or locally developed contracts prior to discussion and/or dissemination to providers.**

Additionally, all fully executed contracts must be received by the Department within 45 days of receipt of contract modification approval. If you are using the state approved contract without modifications, please submit copies of the executed agreement within 45 days of receipt of this memo.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. If you have any questions, please contact Susan Bruder, Program Development Specialist, Office of Early Childhood Education at (609) 777-2074.

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Enclosures

c: Chief of Staff
Assistant Commissioners
County Superintendent